

## Miss Michener's Recital.

The recital of Miss Michener's music pupils Saturday afternoon was fairly well attended. The numbers were all taken by the numbers with the exception of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" by Miss Brumpton, which was beautifully rendered by this accomplished young artist. A reading by Miss Retta Graves entitled "The Moonlight Sonata" explained the selection.

The following program was rendered:  
Solo "Daisy" Ford Tallman;  
solo "Columbine" Etta Drake;  
solo "Marigold" Mary Miller;  
solo "Fornwood Polka" Minnie Hewson; reading "The Goblins" Mary Miller; solo "Flora's Waltz" Sybil Weston; solo "Harvest March" Grace Bower; duet "The Drum Major" Geraldine and Lula Parker; reading "The Martyrs" Mary Miller; solo: (a) "On the Playground" (b) "The Grand Parade" (Kullak) Roland Michener; solo "Bluetie Waltz" (Duvernoy) Katie Carewell; solo "Longing for Home" (Jungmann) Lula Parker; duet: "The Brave Boys' March" (Otter) Katie Carewell and Roland Michener; solo "Ernie Rose" (Spindler) Nina Miller; reading "Death of Minnehaha" Mary Miller; solo "Tarantelle A Flat Major" Opus 85, No. 2 (Heller) Geraldine Parker; duet: "The Tramway Galop" Olive and Marion Loveland.

Cut flowers arrive Friday noon. Be on hand. Grive & Co.

How about a nice nocket and locket, or a bracelet, for your Xmas gift. We have a large stock. No charge for engraving. H. H. Hummer the watchmaker.

## December Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Losse have returned to the town after their honeymoon trip north, and have taken up their residence on Alexander Street. Mr. Losse was married at 11 o'clock, on Friday, December 3rd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Eggen, Blindman River, to Miss Ona Eggen. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends of the contracting parties present, and the event was a very jolly one. The bride was attended by Miss Mina Erickson, and the groom by Mr. Jos. Martin, Rev. Mr. Hansen of Blackfalds, performing the ceremony. The young people were handsomely remembered by many pretty and useful gifts. Both are well known in Red Deer and district, and the best wishes of a large number of friends follow them in their married life.

## Poplar Ridge.

Mr. Evanson returned home last Thursday after spending some time at Seven Persons, Man. Mr. Evanson has taken up half a section of land joining Mr. Larsen's and expects to move his family there in the spring. He has given a very favorable report of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brownrigg and Miss Ethel left for Montreal Monday evening.

Mr. Pollard returned home last Friday from his trip to Great Falls, Montana.

School closed on the 9th for one month's vacation. Miss Malcolm will remain in Poplar Ridge till after the holidays. She will then go to Ingle. Miss McBeth of Bentley will teach here next year.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

## Of United Farmers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Red Deer branch of the United Farmers of Alberta was held in the Fire Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 18th, with President James Bower in the chair.

There was a fair attendance of members, among those present being Capt. Keast, R. Gummow, E. Plumb, W. Jenkins, C. A. Higge, F. W. Galbraith, J. Speirs, Newton, J. Lamont, E. Michener, E. Vincent, R. Leithhead, H. Jamieson, W. Loveland and others.

The secretary read the financial report, showing a small balance on hand.

R. W. Galbraith was appointed auditor, to take the place of G. J. Ward who has moved away.

President Bower made a brief address on the situation as he found it to-day. Perhaps the greatest of markets was never more important than at the present time. He reviewed the western prospects for a market, and said the prospects were for better prices. Oats would have been 23 cents if it had not been for the efforts of the association, and he felt we had compelled a better price for hogs.

Considerable discussion took place on the clauses of the monthly report from the Provincial Secretary, and the delegates were instructed as to the stand they should take on several matters to come up at the Provincial meeting.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: James Bower, President.

Capt. Keast, Vice-President. Executive Committee: W. Loveland, J. Gummow, H. Jamieson, J. Lamont, C. A. J. Sharrman, W. Jenkins.

Delegates to provincial meeting: H. Jamieson, E. Michener, Jas. Bower, C. A. J. Sharrman, Chris. White, F. W. Galbraith.

After the election of officers a sharp discussion took place on the pork packing industry and other questions.

H. Jamieson felt strongly on the packing industry question, and he said the government should be urged to respond to the request of the farmers. We have a right to demand from the government their consideration, and he would like to see a resolution on the question passed at this meeting.

The following motion was then introduced by H. Jamieson and seconded by F. W. Galbraith:

That this branch of the U.F.A. expresses its dissatisfaction that no action has been taken by the government to establish a pork packing plant, and that the delegates from this branch to the provincial convention be instructed to press urgently for the fulfillment in 1910 of the declared purpose of the Legislature to establish such plant.

The motion carried unanimously, after which the meeting adjourned.

Parties having hogs for sale are always sure of getting the highest possible price from Bawtinheimer & Sons.

A Merry Xmas—impossible without a box of Huyler's chocolates.—Grive & Co.

## THE NEWS

wishes all its  
readers a  
Merry Christmas

## Presentation and Address.

A pleasant evening was recently spent at the residence of Capt. and Mrs. Cottingham, when they entertained the staff of the Dominion Lands Office, the gathering being for the purpose of bidding farewell to Miss Stewart, one of the oldest members of the staff. During the evening Miss Stewart was presented with a beautiful silver tea service, accompanied with the following address, which was read by Capt. Cottingham:

"Dear Miss Stewart: It is with feelings of sincere regret that we realize the fact of your removal from the Land Office, and we cannot allow the opportunity to pass without giving expression to our sentiments of general regret in losing such a valued friend. We deem that we should be very remiss in our duty did we neglect to refer to the deep interest you have at all times manifested in the work of the office. We are cognizant of the faithful and efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties pertaining to your official position, and by your courteous and affable disposition you have won the respect and esteem of your associates.

In bidding you farewell, Miss Stewart, we can assure you that you carry with you our warmest wishes for your future success and happiness, and we wish you to accept this souvenir as a token of our admiration, and trust you will long retain them as a connecting link of remembrance of many happy days spent in the Red Deer Land Office.

"Capt. W. H. COTTINGHAM, agent.  
W. C. GOWELL, asst. agent.  
J. A. LEWIS, accountant.  
W. H. HANNA.  
E. H. CHAPPEL.  
M. A. YOUNG.  
W. D. MCGEE, homestead inspector.

Ed. Robinson, homestead inspector.  
"The Dominion Lands Office,  
Red Deer, Alberta,  
18th December, 1909."

After the presentation a most enjoyable evening was spent in games and social intercourse. Miss Stewart left this week for Winnipeg, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Briggs. It is understood she will be married at the residence of her sister to Mr. Taylor, station agent at Blackfalds, Christmas week.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS

For the Xmas and New Year holidays, the Canadian Pacific Railway will make reduced rates for the general public of fare and one third for the round trip.

Tickets on sale for Xmas Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, and for New Year December 28, 29, 30 and 31, and January 1. All tickets are good for return until January 5th, 1910.

## Lacombe News.

The Lacombe creamery of which, in location and construction, there are none better in the province, is likely to be put in commission the incoming season under private control. The creamery patronage this season has been divided between Blackfalds and Morningside, the latter privately operated, the former by the government, and the patrons of both express themselves well satisfied.

In the matter of the embroglio in the agricultural society, if the council of the men Gregory, Crow and Bolt, so bitterly and ungenerously assailed by the Western Globe, had prevailed in asking for an adjournment until there was a proper financial and auditor's report brought in, the society would not be subject to the indignity of being held up by the dept. on account of an imperfect financial statement. These same parties are put in about the same category as rowdies. The Globe says they tried to break up the meeting, also opposed the opening at the meeting, standing for the usual practice of secret ballot in the election of directors. Their counsel did not prevail again. The open vote caused a lot of dissatisfaction. It permitted a faction to get in their work, with the result that at least half a dozen of the old stand bys were left out of the directorate. There were some 60 members at the meeting, and the highest number any candidate received was 24, showing that a large number did not vote. From the first to the last the secretary's big brother Dan was very active in leading the meeting wrong. Now we hear it said, let Dan run the show. The old members did not, to their credit, scrap for position, nor will they now or hereafter. The society altogether has received a very bad jolt.

In a three quarter column in the Globe under the heading, "New Newspaper for Lacombe," it's Messrs. Crow, Bolt and Gregory once more. Now this is all misrepresentation, while the subject has been mooted. There is not a single correct statement in the whole article—simply meant to scandalize and discredit these men in the eyes of the public. Latterly, reports of public meetings carefully reported as to just what took place and what was said have not been published, though published by other journals, and in these malicious attacks on individuals there is no opportunity of hitting back and this unique editor improves his opportunity. We know of no other journal so conducted in the province. To our mind a low order of journalism. The necessity for a new paper is very great. J. G.

## Hockey News.

There will be an intermediate hockey match here Christmas afternoon between Lacombe and Red Deer.

The senior team have arranged home and home games with Lacombe for Christmas and New Year's, the first game being in Lacombe Christmas night.

The team has been strengthened lately by Hague, of the Alberta Central, and Grant, who formerly played goal with Guelph.

The city league schedule will not commence until after New Year's.

## HILLSDOWN

Mrs. and Mr. O'Connor and family are enjoying a visit to the former's brother and family; Joseph McGinnis, of North Branch, Mich., also a brother, Dan McGinnis from Warden, B. C., whom they have not seen for 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, who are cooks for the C. P. R. up in the Rockies, are visiting at Mr. O'Connor's.

Mrs. J. E. McElhone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, is home spending holidays.

## Curling Notes.

The rinks are busy playing for the Red Deer Challenge Cup. So far the games are as follows:

Lindsay	10	Wallace	7
Brumpton	12	Welliver	6
Hanna	17	Clarke	6
Lindsay	12	Carswell	11
Stephenson	11	Gaetz	9
Galbraith	12	Hanna	10
Clarke	11	Lindsay	10
Brumpton	10	Stephenson	8
Welliver	12	Payne	11

People are looking around for real estate.

## Mrs. S. Grimson Dead.

After a lengthy illness Mrs. S. Grimson, of Burnt Lake, passed away on Wednesday last, aged 38 years. Up to the last the doctor had hopes that she would recover, but she took a sudden turn for the worse the early part of the week and passed away, as above stated, of dropsy. She leaves three children, the youngest being a baby four months old. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Gudmundson, Red Deer. The body was taken to H. G. Stone's undertaking parlors and prepared for burial, from whence it was taken Sunday to her late home, interment taking place Sunday afternoon at Markerville cemetery. S. Grimson and family have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

## Official Auditors.

The official auditors for Red Deer district are: A. W. G. Allen, for Red Deer; Norman Stewart and H. Newland, for Penhold; A. W. Walker, E. S. Hussey, Richard Eley, Frederick Wall, Ewart; Jas. H. Morrison, Bentley; Thos. Q. Moore, Content; John McKinty, Lacombe; G. Stephenson, Markerville.

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## THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
To all of our Customers.

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Watches Watches  
AT HUMBER'S

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20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT  
on every Watch in our store.

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Gentlemen's Waltham Watches, 20 year gold, screw cases \$7.50  
Gentlemen's Watches, nickel, screw cases, worth \$8.50. To clear..... \$3.75  
Ladies' 25 year Filled Watches, Waltham or Elgin, clear at..... 25 per cent. off

We have one more DISC GRAPHOPHONE that we will sell on Friday the 24th, with 1 doz. 10 Records, worth regular \$22.00..... FRIDAY SPECIAL \$15.00  
All OHINA and HAND-PAINTED ROKEWOOD at .... 1-4 off

Remember the Date - FRIDAY the 24th

At H. H. HUMBER'S, The Watchmaker

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## R. C. BRUMPTON'S

BIG HANDY STORE NEWS.

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FOR

A Merry Christmas

AND

A Prosperous New Year

RED DEER, December 21, 1909.











## PUZZLED?

A good many people are just now. They may find here something that will help to solve the problem. If not, come in and see our stock; we have dozens of things not mentioned here.

### FOR HIM:

Smokers Sets	Ash Trays	Calendars
Pipes	Collar Boxes	Fountain Pens
Cigars (10 in a box)	Books	Flasks
Military Brushes	Bibles	Waste Baskets
Travelling Sets	Wallets	Purses
Shaving Sets	Pictures	Etc. Etc.

### FOR HER:

Boxed Stationery	Books	Writing Sets
Toilet Sets	Mottos	Made Rols
Mirrors	Xmas Cards	Perfumes
Statuary	Glove Boxes	Purses
Pancy Pottery	Handkerchief Boxes	Hand Bags
Vases	Manicure Sets	Desk Sets
Clocks	Photo Frames	Jewel Cases
Bridge Sets	Sewing Sets	Jardiniere
Bridge Pads	Work Baskets	Fans
		Etc. Etc.

### FOR THE CHILDREN:

Toy Books	Blocks	Paint Boxes
Boys' Books	Xmas Cards	Infant Toilet Sets
Games	Naipkin Rings	Dominoes Etc. Etc.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1909.

### THE COAL QUESTION

Amos Wilton, a coal miner residing at Content, discusses the coal situation intelligently in another column. A syndicate could be formed, as suggested, and good money made in securing mining properties that could be worked to advantage. Evidently the coal supply available is limited, a condition not anticipated by the average citizen. Outside coal can be shipped in at such a small increase over the price charged for the local article that there is not much fear of a famine or hardship in paying perhaps a little extra price, but the Red Deer mines act as a safety valve for the citizens. When a shortage occurs such as that during the recent cold spell, caused by a strike of miners in Edmonton, we always have our own supply to look to, and the price, which soars for a time, is bound to resume normal proportions again in a few days as farmers will rush coal to town if they can get the price and a market. The holding of coal property by citizens sufficient to supply all local demand, at least, is a good suggestion and we hope to see it realized.

### THE EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

The letter in last week's News from R. B. Welliver, Secretary of the Red Deer Exhibition Association, has caused considerable speculation in town. The general tenor of the letter is to the effect that the association has lost money from the start, and the time has come for the directors of the association to take some steps to remedy this defect, either by selling to the town or winding up the affairs of the association and divide the property into town lots.

The annual meeting called for Friday last, the 17th inst., to discuss the affairs of the association did not have a quorum, only seven members being present, whereas it requires fifteen members to do business. The meeting was therefore adjourned to Friday next, the 24th inst., when a full meeting is urgently requested.

The News feels it would be a calamity to allow the splendid exhibition grounds to be cut up into lots. Where could Red Deer secure suitable grounds for football and other sports? We must have athletic grounds, and it

might be a good thing for the town to purchase the property for the benefit of the citizens. The agricultural society could rent the property for fairs, and the town thus derive a revenue besides letting it for race meets, sports, etc. We understand all the big cities own their own grounds in the east and Calgary, Edmonton and other places in the west also own their own grounds. We hope the citizens will take this question up and discuss it intelligently, and the News columns are open for all suggestions.

### Awfully one sided

(Calgary Alberta.)

Our people have a perpetual and everlasting grievance against the people of Edmonton. Whenever Edmonton has any kind of an exhibition, a poultry show or anything like that, our people go north with large exhibits, but Edmonton people do not return the compliment. Take the poultry shows for instance. Last year our poultry men made a big showing in Edmonton, and did so again this year. Edmonton did not send a bird to our exhibition.

One hardly looks for a person of Sir Wilfred Laurier's attainments to do anything crooked yet it is a fact that he has deprived parliament of one member and has held two seats up to the present time because no law appears to be written to fit the situation. It is difficult to ascertain what benefit can be derived in the long run from holding on to both seats and depriving parliament of a member to which it is justly entitled.

The estimated revenue of the United States for the current year is \$848,000,000. With a population that must be 12 times as great as that of Canada, the Republic has only 6 1-2 times as much income. As in both cases the greater part of the income is derived from a tariff on imports, the comparison is very suggestive.

Slovaine is the name of a new anesthetic. It is injected into the spinal cord. It produces insensibility to pain without loss of consciousness, nausea, or headache. The claim is made that it is perfectly harmless, but the statement is made that physicians are not quite satisfied on this point.

The revenue of the City of Montreal amounts to the great sum of \$8,000,000, of which \$3,574,450 is collected on real property valued at \$332,300,208, of which \$68,419,083 is exempt from taxation. The remainder of the six millions is made up from water rates, business taxes, licenses, street railway percentages, and so on.

It begins to look as though Dr. Cook had perpetrated a gigantic fraud on the general public with regard to his claim to the discovery of the North Pole. The last to speak is the University of Copenhagen. The Council after hours of deliberation seem to think the date unreliable, and will probably officially declare his proof insufficient to warrant his acclamation as first discoverer of the Pole.

### PROVINCIAL RIGHTS.

(Victoria Colonist.)

Sir Lomer Gouin is going to visit Sir James Whitney. Sir Lomer is Premier of Quebec, Sir James is Premier of Ontario. We all know what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, but there is a great deal of speculation just now as to what these premiers will say to each other. Certain correspondents claim that very serious questions will be discussed, and that in all probability a conference of provincial premiers will be called for the purpose of considering them.

Certain very serious differences have arisen under the British North America Act. That piece of legislation was drawn with a great deal of skill; but the draughtsmen could not foresee all the questions of jurisdiction which have arisen. Among the open questions are those relating to the powers of companies. For instance, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick has said it appeared to him "impossible to maintain that a provincial legislature, if it can deal with the incorporation of insurance companies at all, can create a company with powers co-extensive with those conferred by the Dominion. The Dominion Government and the Provincial Legislature cannot both occupy the same legislative field at the same time." The view has the support of eminent jurists, but the majority of the Supreme Court held the contrary view. A direct collision has occurred between the legislature of Ontario and Parliament over the use of water rights to supply power for use in both Canada and the United States. Another question has arisen under some Manitoba legislation, which is said to trench upon the provisions of the Banking Act. In addition to these there are others, in some of which our own province is directly interested. There are many reasons why all these open questions should be disposed of as soon as possible, and the fact that the Quebec Premier is to open the discussion of them is taken as indicating that the Ottawa ministry is favorable to action to that end.

### Keeping Down the Surplus.

Public Accounts Committee Finds Another Raid on Treasury.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Before the public accounts committee this morning, Tom Murray, of Richibucto, N.B., manager of Kent Northern railway, said that in May, 1908, he bought a sawdust wharf at Richibucto from Richard O'Leary for \$700, and in November of the same year disposed of it to the Dominion government for \$5,000. Murray denied that on the day he purchased the wharf Joffrey Stead, resident engineer of the public works department, was in Richibucto. The negotiations, however, were completed through Mr. Stead.

Witness said that on September 18, 1908, he sent a telegram to the chief engineer of public works department at Ottawa inquiring if the matter had been put through, and stated that it was important to Leblanc, Liberal candidate for Kent at the last general election. Witness did not think the money to purchase the wharf had been supplied by George McAvity, of St. John, N.B.

Mr. O'Leary was called and corroborated Murray's evidence as to the price paid for the wharf. He said the wharf was useless to him. It was composed of mill refuse forty years old and today was but a pile of decayed sawdust and slabs.

At one time he offered to sell the wharf to the government for \$1,000. Nothing, he said, had been done to the wharf by the government until it had been washed away a little more. It was not required for Richibucto's shipping.

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" Sugar Shells  
" Cheese Spoons  
" Baby Spoons  
" Baby Pushers  
" Salad Forks  
" Soup Spoons in 1847 or Wildwood  
Knives, Forks and Spoons in 1847 goods  
Knives, Forks and Spoons in Wildwood  
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# The W. E. LORD Coy.



## Politeness

In my youth I knew an alek who was most exceeding smart, and his pippant way of talking often broke the hearer's heart. He was working for a grocer in a little corner store, taking down the wooden shutters, sweeping up the greasy floor, and he always answered politely, and he had a saucy eye, and the people often asked him if he wouldn't kindly die. Oh, the festive years skeddled, and the children of that day, now are bent beneath life's burdens, and their hair is turning gray; and the pippant one is toiled

ing in the same old corner store, taking down the ancient shutters, sweeping up the greasy floor. In the same old sleepy village lived a springald to polke, that to hear him answer questions was a genuine delight; he was working in a foundry where they dealt in eggs and cheese, and the work was hard and tiresome, but he always tried to please. And to-day he's boss of thousands, and his salary's sky high—and his manner's just as pleasant as it was in days gone by. It's an idle trifling story, and you doubtless think it flat, but its moral might be pasted with some profit in your hat.—Walt Mason.

## TALES FROM THE GOLDEN WEST.



### Merry Christmas is Coming

With Peace and Good Will,  
Bringing all Sorts and Sizes  
Of Stockings to Fill.  
Jam Them Up to The Top:  
Cram Them Clear to The Toe:  
Watch The Merry Eyes Twinkle  
And Rosy Cheeks Glow.  
And We Beg to Suggest  
If You Wisely Invest  
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## Lloyd-George Speaks to Free Churchmen.

London, Dec. 17.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and Lloyd-George are face to face in print today. While Chamberlain writes from an invalid couch amid the calm of his Birmingham home or rather with slow reluctance to his wife who is always at his side, Lloyd-George speaks to a crowded and almost hysterically enthusiastic Queen's Hall demonstration of Free Churchmen.

The piquancy of the situation is increased by the fact that Chamberlain himself is a life long Unitarian, having been a foremost writer on the side of free churches. His bitterest early speeches were against the established church. It is his former place in the front of the Free Church fighting army that Lloyd-George now occupies.

A FEW SALIENT SENTENCES.

"We owe our free constitution to the struggles of the Puritans." (Cries, "We do.") "If there is perfect freedom in this land for any man in any place of worship it is because its doorstep is sprinkled with the blood of non-conformists."

"Who freed the political slaves of our country?—the non-conformists. They restored to me the mastery over his own soul. Do you think the peers love us for that? Why should they? I believe in their hearts they put primitive Methodist preachers in the same category of the people they would rather see living on a neighboring estate. We will give them a fairly long drop. But I am not one of those who regard the peers as monsters. I regard them as very ordinary human beings, but when they talk about the Lords as a jury, we challenge that the panel jury is not properly constituted. We have the right to demand justice from the highest tribunal in the land, and we mean to get it."

PROHIBITION QUESTION INTRODUCED.

"Is the liquor trade more powerful than all moral and spiritual agencies in the land? This election will prove whether this country is to be governed by the drink traffic or by the people. The Unionist answer to this high political talk is quietly put by the Times, which says, 'Lloyd-George has been a long time in parliament. He has become a member of a government of an empire, and has had every opportunity to enlarge his ideas and extend his outlook, yet his heart is still in the parochial disputes

of his early days. A stranger to our political methods might almost suppose the non-conformists are serfs who have no rights in the eyes of the law and are struggling for recognition."

As citizens, we all know in all ordinary affairs of life nobody knows or cares whether a man is a non-conformist or a churchman, so long as he is honest and a well-mannered citizen. When we get the kernel of his rhetoric we find he has nothing in mind expected to manage the parish school in the very limited sphere of management that is left to local authorities by the education department, while on both sides sober-minded people are striving to understand one another and to approach a settlement of the difficulty in a spirit of Christian charity, instead of in sectarian bitterness."

HON. J. CHAMBERLAIN

Hon. J. Chamberlain's view expressed in a private conversation is that the lords are the salt of the red herrings, which will not divert the majority of quiet common sense Englishmen from their continuous demands at the by-elections for the four years past for tariff reform. In his published manifesto he says: "The House of Commons uncontrolled would be a great public danger, and would be much worse than the House of Lords, which is just because it is a hereditary chamber and must depend for its whole influence on its success in interpreting the true mind of the people. The time has surely come for a tariff policy which will promote British trade and welfare instead of a budget policy which in every respect would surrender our interests and our security to foreign rivals. It is better to abolish Cobdenism and not the constitution, to pull down free imports and foreign privilege in our market and not a second chamber, whose only offence is in giving the nation a chance to speak for itself. Let the workers defend their work. Let them stand by the peers, who in this case are standing by them."

## Death of Fred Markell.

The death of Fred Markell, a promising young man of the Willowdale district, took place on Dec. 4th. His parents moved to Moosomin some time ago and he has been running the store there. While attending the Sunday School convention some time ago he contracted typhoid fever and after a valiant struggle he passed away, from internal hemorrhage, at the age of 23 years. He was a good boy and was secretary of the Epworth League of his district, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. Bert Smith accompanied the body to Moosomin for burial.

## Leopold, King of Belgium, Dead

HIS NEPHEW SUCCEEDS HIM

Brussels, Dec. 16.—King Leopold died at 2.45 today, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors had had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

After a restless day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening, and the night passed quietly until two o'clock, when alarming symptoms appeared.

Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thiriar, "J'etouffe Docteur, j'etouffe" (I am suffocating). Dr. Denage was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail. The end came quickly and after a spell of weakness, peacefully. Prince Albert arrived at the deathbed about twenty-five minutes later. He was accompanied by Princess Clementine. Albert kissed the dead King and left the chamber weeping.

## HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Messrs. Gill, Stettler; Hayes, Standish, Lacombe; Randall, La France and Cottingham, Red Deer; on Monday evening drew up the following schedule for the district of the Provincial League: January 1910

4 Stettler	at	Lacombe
6 Wetskiwin	at	Red Deer
12 Lacombe	at	Wetskiwin
12 Red Deer	at	Stettler
17 Stettler	at	Red Deer
19 Wetskiwin	at	Lacombe
26 Wetskiwin	at	Stettler
27 Lacombe	at	Red Deer
February		
2 Lacombe	at	Stettler
2 Red Deer	at	Wetskiwin
9 Red Deer	at	Lacombe
14 Stettler	at	Wetskiwin

## Money to Loan.

Money to loan on farm property, improved or unimproved, at 8 per cent. on the straight loan system.  
J. L. CRAWFORD, Barrister,  
Post Office Block, Red Deer.

# XMAS IS COMING!

## And our Store is Santa Claus Headquarters

COME EARLY! and see the cloud-burst of pretty things for Christmas. Not one old article. Everything New, at prices just about half what you have been used to pay for lines no better.

WHAT WE SAY IS TRUE! WHAT WE DO IS LEGITIMATE! WHAT WE PROMISE IS FULFILLED!

Read this ad. carefully. There's many savings for you. Note our Special Xmas Bargain column.

### What 5c Buys

China Mugs, China and Glass Salt and Pepper Shakers, Pin Cushions, Glass Sugar Bowls and Cream Pitchers and Spoon Holders, Tin Horns, Tops, Kalandoscopes, Dolls, Dolls' Heads, Glass Vases, Whistles, Watches, Mouth Organs, Tea Sets, Crinkled Paper, Rubber Balls, Pant Hangers, Coat Hangers, Perfume, Whips, Blocks, Tooth Brushes, Picture Books, Boxes Stationery.

### What 10c Buys

Cups and Saucers, Plaques, Tops, Dolls' Heads, Dolls, Watches, Mouth Organs, Jack Knives, Talcum Powder, Fancy Trimbles, Cream Jugs, China Plates, Fruit Dishes, Pie Plates, Whips, Tooth Brushes, Nut Plates, Dolls' Heads, Mugs, Blocks, Picture Books.

### What 15c Buys

China Hair Receivers, Pin Cushions, Plaques, Perfumes, Shaving Brushes, Dolls, Picture Books, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Drums, Fancy Baskets, Drawing Slates, Teapots, China Cups and Saucers, China Plates, Dolls' Heads, Fancy Boxes Stationery.

### What 20c Buys

Beautiful Dolls, Fine China Cream Jugs, Mechanical Toys, Picture Books, Fancy Stationery Boxes, Hand Mirrors, Whisks, etc.

### What 25c Buys

Water Bottles, Crumb Trays, Silver Sugar and Butter Knife, Teapots, Purses, Nice Bottle Perfume, China Bon-Bons, Fine Cups and Saucers, Boys' Toy Trains, Stuffed Animals, Mechanical Toys, Fancy Baskets, Whisk Holders with Whisk, Picture Books, Purses, 27in. Guns, Crying Dolls, Large Dolls' Heads, Souvenir Spoons, Hair Brushes, Laundry Bags, Children's Sets, Butter Dishes, etc.

### Watches Specially Priced

A short time ago we had a big shipment of Watches which we purchased specially cheap. We think we can truthfully say no such Watch values as we are giving have ever before been given in Red Deer. Just think of getting a good Silver or Gummel Watch, fully guaranteed, 7 jeweled movement, for \$2.50, for Ladies or Gentlemen. We have also a few Gold Watches which are exceptionally good value.

Watches for the Boys, good timekeepers, are going for \$1.00 each.

### Ladies' Collars and Belts

Without any exception the latest range ever shown in Red Deer. We have beautiful Collars and Belts beginning in price at 25c each and running up to \$1.25. Don't fail to see these lines. They are on display in the front part of our store. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

### Gentlemen's Ties

Such a nice assortment for you to choose from and the values so exceptionally good. Nice 4-in-hand hook-on Ties and Boys for 25c. Beautiful new stripe effects in silk 4-in-hand Ties at 50c, and the choicest 1000 patterns. Many of them put up in separate boxes for 75c each.

### Beautiful Press Cut Glass

We have had the second shipment of this pretty Cut Glass for our holiday trade, and the last lot is being picked up rapidly. We defy any one but an expert (and it will keep him busy) to tell the difference between one of our Press Cut Glass Dishes at \$1.00 and the genuine Cut Glass Dish at \$10.00.

### Fine Silk Waists

Just at hand a shipment of nice Silk Net and Lacy Waists for our Xmas trade. We have some extraordinary values and the styles are right up to the minute.

# OUR XMAS BARGAIN COLUMN

We've gone through our stock and picked out many Rare Bargains for our SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE.

Odds and Ends of a Splendid Season's Business must now go, and they must go cheap. Read our Bargain List over carefully, and while reading remember all goods are new and this season's buying.

### MEN'S SUITS, \$10.00

25 only Men's fine Tweed and Worsted Suits, this year's buying. In the lot are blues, browns and black, and the values run up to \$18.00. XMAS PRICE \$10.00 suit

### MISSES' TWEED COATS, \$5.00

12 only Misses' and Children's Tweed Coats fitting girls from 8 years up to 16 years old. Regular values \$7.00 to 10.00. XMAS PRICE 5.00

### LADIES' FUR COLLAR COATS

5 only Fine Black Cloth Coats, with nice Western Sable collars, lined throughout, some with rubber interlining. Regular price \$25.00 XMAS PRICE 20.00

### LADIES' FUR COLLARS, \$5.00

8 only Ladies' Fur Collars, Stoles and Scarves in Coyote, Western Sable and Japanese Mink. Regular values \$10 up to 10.00 XMAS PRICE 5.00

### BOYS' WOOL STOCKINGS, 25c.

10 doz Boys' Heavy Worsted Ribbed Stockings, sizes 6-12 to 10, guaranteed all wool. Regular value up to 40c pair XMAS PRICE 25c

### LADIES' HATS HALF PRICE

We have just 8 Hats left, and we wish to clear them out before Christmas. The prices run from 2.50 up to 7.00. All go at just half the marked price.

### INITIAL SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c.

A good assortment of Pure Silk Initial Handkerchiefs in white. Not at the initial but most of them. The regular price of these goods is 35c. XMAS PRICE 25c

### MEN'S REGATTA SHIRTS, 35c.

3 doz Men's Laundered Print Shirts, size 15-12 only, new goods. Regular value 75c XMAS PRICE 35c

### MEN'S FINE UNDERWEAR, 50c.

5 doz Men's Natural Wool Underwear, in a good heavy weight, sizes 34 to 38. Shirts and Drawers to match. Regular value 75c each XMAS PRICE 50c each

### MEN'S EXCELSA HANDKERCHIEFS, 10c.

20 doz Men's Near Silk Handkerchiefs, in a fine assortment of patterns. Sold usually at 20c each. XMAS PRICE 10c

## Store Open Evenings During the Week beginning Monday, Dec. 20

In order to give everybody, young and old, an opportunity to see our Special Xmas Goods, and extra time to make their purchases these short days, our store will be open every evening during Christmas week.

## Our Store This Year is Certainly SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.

We want all the Boys and Girls to read a message we got from him the other day:

"To MY LITTLE RED DEER FRIENDS:—I will arrive in Red Deer at 1 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, in my sleigh, and after a little spin around the city I will proceed to the 'Best Store in Town,' where I shall be glad to greet and entertain my little Red Deer friends."  
(Signed) SANTA CLAUS."

Business can never stay away from the Great Xmas Values we are offering for the next two weeks. Come early and you'll not be disappointed

Wishing One and All A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Red Deer's **C. E. HALL** Cash Store

# Snell's Big Christmas Bargain Day

## 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT

ON ALL

Watches, Jewellery, Glassware, Pottery, etc.



## JANE GABLE

By GEORGE BARR MOUTCHEON  
Author of "Beverly of Graustark,"  
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(Continued.)

The old man's eyes shined.  
"It's a silly question to ask me. I was not a member of the Four Hundred, my boy."  
"Nor was my father. Yet you think he knows."  
"It's a much smarter man than I, Graydon. You'll go with me to see him."

"Yes, I can't speak for Miss Cable," she said tomorrow. Come out to my place tonight, where the reporters can't find you. Maybe you won't care to sleep with me—I've but one bed, you see—but you can go to a quiet hotel downtown. I'm packing these things to store them for your father. Then I'm going back to New York to live on my income. It's honest money too."

"Who sent me the draft for five hundred?"  
"I did, Graydon. I forgive me. It was just a loan, you know. I thought you'd need something."  
"I haven't touched it, Elias. Here it is. Thank you. No, I won't accept it."  
"I'm sorry," muttered the old man, taking the slip of paper.

Graydon resumed his seat near the window and watched Droom with



"God! I burst from the untraced son leaden eyes as he turned suddenly to resume charge of the packing. 'I'll soon be through,' he said shortly.

"For an hour the work went on, and then Droom dismissed the workers with their pay. The storage man was there to carry the boxes away. Graydon sat still and saw the offices deserted. Suddenly he was startled off with the furniture, the pictures and the rugs. An expressman came in for the things that belonged to Elias Droom.

"There," said the clerk, tossing the umbrella into a corner. "It's finished. There's nothing left to do but remove ourselves."

"Elias, did Mr. Clegg know about father's conviction when he offered me the place in New York?" asked Graydon as they started away.

"Yes, that's the beauty of it. He admires you. You'll take the place?"

"Not until I've talked it all over with him tomorrow."

Droom called a cab, and the two drove over to the Wells street rooms, Graydon relinquishing himself completely to the will of the old man.

During the supper, which Droom prepared with elaborate care, and far into the night the young man sat and listened without interest to the garrulous talk of his host, who explained the mechanism and purpose of two models.

One was in the nature of a pulley by which a person could chop his own head off neatly without chance of failure, and the other had to do with the improvement of science in respect to shoelaces.



## CHAPTER XXIX.

IT, CLEGG was not long in convincing Graydon that his proposition to him was sincere and not the outgrowth of sentiment. A dozen times he repeated the office greeted Graydon with a variant that had an uplifting effect. He went away with a heart lighter than he had once imagined it could ever be again.

In two weeks he was to be in absolute control of the New York branch. He assured the firm that his physical condition was such that he could go to work at once if necessary.

As he hastened to the Annex again giving again contented into his mind the newspapers had heralded his return and had hinted broadly at the romantic developments in connection with Miss Cable, "who is at the Annex with Mr. and Mrs. Cable."

There were brief references to the causes which sent both of them to the Philippines, and that was all.

Without hesitation he came to the point by asking if she knew what had befallen his father. Jane had heard the news the night before. He threw upon the whole situation before her just as it had been suggested in Droom's ironical remark. It was not until after the question had been passed upon by Mr. and Mrs. Cable that she reluctantly consented to visit Graydon's father solely for the purpose of gleaming what information she could regarding her parentage.

They left the next day with Elias Droom, depressed, nervous, dreading

the hour ahead of them. Neither was in the mood to respond to the eager, excited remarks of the old clerk. The short railroad trip was one never to be forgotten; impressions were left in their lives that could not be effaced.

Jane Bannister, short and striped, was not expecting visitors. He was surprised and angry when he was told that visitors were waiting to see him.

For four weeks he had labored climatically and sourly in the shoe factory of the great prison, a hauler and carrier. His tall figure was bent with unusual toil, his hands were sore and his heart was full of the cancer of rebellion. At that short time his face had taken on the look of the convict. All the viciousness in his nature had gone to his face and settled there. He had the sullen, dogged, patient look of the man who has a number, but no name.

The once dignified, aggressive walk had degenerated into a slouch. He shuffled as he came to the bars where he was to meet his first visitor. He was not pleased, but he was curious.

Down in his heart he found a hope that his attorney had come with good news. It was not until he was almost face to face with his son that he realized that it was, not until then that he felt the full force of shame, ignominy, longing. Her mission was complete.

He started back with an involuntary oath and would have slunk away had not Graydon called out to him—called out in a voice full of pain and misery.

The convict's face was ashen and his jaw hung loose with the paralysis of dismay. His hands trembled in the chair, his feet were as wooden weights. A look of utter despair came into his hard eyes as he slowly advanced to the bars.

"My God, Graydon, why did you come? Why did you come here? He muttered. Then he caught sight of Jane and Elias Droom. His eyes dropped, and his fingers twitched. To save his life he could not have kept his lower lip from trembling nor the burning tears from his eyes. His humiliation was complete.

A malevolent grin was on Droom's face. His staring blue eyes looked with a great joy upon the shamed, beaten man in the stripes. The one thing that he had longed for and cherished had come to pass. His mission was complete.

James Bannister utterly destroyed even in his own eyes.

"Father, I can't believe it. I can't tell you how it hurts me. I'll just take your place if it were possible. Forgive me for deserting you," Graydon was saying incoherently when his father lifted his hand and made a gesture of dismissal. A harsh, horrified look of understanding in the eyes that flashed upon Elias Droom.

Even as he clasped his son's hand in the bitterness of a snarl of fury, Droom's eyes shifted instantly, his uneasy gaze directing itself, as usual, above the head of the street.

"You did this, curse you!" came from the convict's lips. "And this girl too! God! God! you knew I would rather have died than to meet Graydon as I am now. You knew it, and you brought him here. I hope you will rot for this, Elias Droom. She comes here, too, to gloat, to revel in my fall. Look before my son in prison stripes!"

He went on violently for a long stretch, ending with a sob of rage. "I suppose you are satisfied," he said hoarsely to Droom.

Graydon and Jane looked on in surprise. The convict's words were not new nor his expressions strange.

"Father, didn't you expect me to come?" asked Graydon. "Don't you want to see me?"

"Not here. Why should I have tried to keep you from returning to this country? God knows how I hoped and prayed that you'd not see me here. Elias Droom knew it. That's why he brought you here. Don't lie to me, Droom. I know it."

"What could you expect?" murmured Droom. "Down in your heart you wanted to see him. I've done you a kindness."

"For which I'll repay you some day," cried the prisoner, a steady look in his eyes. "Now go away, all of you! I'm through with you. You've seen me. The girl is satisfied. Go!"

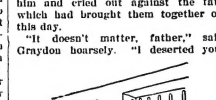
"Nonsense, father," cried Graydon, visibly distressed by his father's anguish. "Elias said that you wanted to see me. Jane did not come out of curiosity. She is here to see justice of you. She's not seeking vengeance."

"I'll talk to you alone," said the prisoner shortly. "Send her away. I've nothing to say to her or Droom."

Jane turned and walked swiftly away, followed by Droom, who rubbed his long fingers together and tried to look sympathetic. The interview that ensued between father and son was never to be forgotten by either. Graydon heard his father's bitter story in awed silence; heard him curse deeply and vindictively; heard all this and marvelled at the new and heretofore unopposed side of his nature.

There was something pathetic in the anguished face and the expressions of impotent rage. His heart softened when his father bared his shame to him and cried out against the fate which had brought them together on this day.

"It doesn't matter, father," said Graydon hoarsely. "I deserted you."



"You did this, curse you!" came from the convict's lips.

"I'm sorry. No matter what you've done to bring you here, I'm glad I've come to see you. I don't blame you. For awhile I'm afraid I rather held out against coming. Now I am glad for my own sake. I won't desert you now. I am going to work for a pair-

## A Little Cold

He caught a little cold.

That was all.

As they gathered round his bed.

When they heard that he was dead.

He caught a little cold.

That was all.

Neglect of a cough or cold often leads to serious trouble.

To break up a cold in twenty-four hours and cure any cough that is curable, mix two ounces of glycerine, a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and rich ounces of pure Whiskey. Take a teaspoonful every four hours. You buy these at any good drug store and easily mix them in a large bottle.

Don't let your appeal does not go through.

"Don't—I won't have it!" exclaimed the other.

"I'm going to stay it out. It will give me time to forget, so that I can be a better man. If they let me now I'd do something I'd always regret. I want to serve my time and start all over again."

"Don't worry about me. I won't hamper you. I'll go away—abroad, as Harbert suggested. His advice was good, after all. Understand, Graydon, I do not want parole or pardon. You must not undertake it. I am guilty and ought to be punished the same as these other fellows in here. Don't shudder. It's true. I'm no better than they."

"I hate to think of you in this awful place," began Graydon.

"Don't think of me."

"But I've seen you here, father!" cried the son.

(To be continued.)

How He Fooled 'Em

Frank Nelson, former state superintendent of public instruction of Kansas and "Cap" Gibson, the veteran record clerk in Auditor Nelson's office, are good friends. Nelson is now resident of a Minnesota college. When Nelson was still in the state house, he and Gibson, who took one day about teaching school, "I was once a school teacher," volunteered Gibson.

"Is that so?" asked Nelson. "How long?"

"Yes, I fooled 'em thirteen years," replied "Cap."

"How was that?" asked Nelson.

"Oh," said Cap, "I quit when teachers had to qualify"—Kansas City Journal.

A Failure

"It won't work," remarked Jones as he took his favorite seat in front of the big window.

"What won't work?" inquired Fritz Smith.

"This idea of thought transference. I tried it on my father. I looked at him steadily until I had his undivided attention, then I said 'very slowly' with emphasis. 'That—bill—is—paid.'"

"What did he do?"

"He said: 'you're—a—liar'!"—Lippincott's.

Just Went Through the Motions

"Does your husband play cards for money?"

"Judging from practical results," answered Mrs. Fortington, "I should say not. But all the other men in the game do."

"You can't get something for nothing."

"No? Ask some of the mining stock brokers."

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THIS \$5.00 set of Military Brushes is one of the best values we have ever shown.

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## THE NEWS, RED DEER, ALBERTA.

Mr. Harriman, as all his wealth was not pure—proud," said a New York broker. "Yet he thought a lot of money. He used to tell with a good deal of sympathy a story about the Russian ambassador to the court of Louis XIV."

"Louis XIV., playing at cards at Versailles, dropped a franc on the floor and stooped to look for it. Then the Russian ambassador, who was very rich, said with a scornful laugh: 'Let me assist your majesty.'

"And he held out a 1,000 franc note, lighted it, and held it near the ground for a torch."

"According to this magazine," said Mrs. Biffingham, "alleged onions scattered about the room will absorb the odors of fresh paint."

"I guess that's right," rejoined Biffingham. "Like-wise, also, a broken neck will relieve a man from calumny."

"If I'd known how sarcastically you were, I never should have married you."

"Six—You had a chance to notice it. Didn't I say this is so sudden about me. You proposed to me after four years' courtship?"

"Before we were married you used to write me three letters a day."

"Did I really?"

"Yes, you did. And now you are annoyed because I ask you to write me a little of a cheque."

Miss Helen Gould has given \$100,000 to the American college for girls at Constantinople. The college is about to move from Securi to the European side of the Bosphorus. Dr. Mary Mills Futner, a native of Canterbury, N.H., is the president.

Proof

Tommy—"We're going to move soon."

Sunny—"How do you know?"

Tommy—"How do I know? Didn't my mother let me break a window the other day and didn't say nothing?"

Young Husband—"You want me to give up smoking. Do you know that it requires a pretty strong will to do that?"

Wife—"Well, I have a strong will."

The minister always felt it to be his duty to give each young couple a little serious advice before he performed the marriage service.

"And now," he said, in closing the ceremony, "I hope you fully realize the extreme importance of the step you are taking, and that you are prepared for it."

"Well, if I ain't prepared, I don't know who is. I've got four common balls, two vest suits, two pairs of brand new feather beds, ten sheets and six pairs of pillow-slips, four all-linen tablecloths, a dozen spoons, and a good six-quart kettle."

"Oh, yes, I think you're prepared," said the parson as he left the vestry.

Upward Revision

One evening at family prayers the head of the house read that chapter which dealt with the duties of a little foreigner for an American hearse.

Noble Sportsman—"Whatever it is I've shot it makes a most unearthy row."

Keeper—"Yes; poor bill ain't got a very musical voice, has he?"

Mother—"But why are you afraid to take Bill?"



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